Change of Command

In a pleasant and low key ceremony on the Green on Wednesday morning, Jonathan Dorfan took office as SLAC’s third director. Burton Richter handed him a tin cup, alluding to the Director’s work in getting funding for the Lab. “And here’s your first donation,” said Richter as he dropped in a quarter. Stanford President Gerhard Casper said that Jonathan Dorfan now has “the benefit of two previous directors” acknowledging the role of Pief Panofsky as the Lab’s first director. Casper declined to make a cash contribution on the spot, stating that during recent DOE contract negotiations, “Stanford gave much more than 25 cents!” Jonathan Dorfan expressed his enthusiasm for his new job and his desire to keep our science options open and build the family spirit at the Lab. (For the inquiring minds that need to know, by the end of the ceremony the tin cup had 4 quarters and a penny. It’s a start!)

Ray Larsen Wins IEEE Award

Congratulations to Ray Larsen, who is assistant director of electrical support in the Technical Division. Larsen has won the prestigious Richard F. Shea Distinguished Member Award for outstanding leadership in IEEE’s Nuclear and Plasma Science Society. Larsen has served NPSS in many capacities since undergraduate days, including a term as Society president. He is now liaison to the Society regarding professional ethics. He is co-chairman of the Conference Policy and Procedures committee, a significant job since NPSS organizes and hosts 9 conferences. Larsen is also a Life Fellow of the IEEE with Fellow status conferred for advances in high-speed analog sampled-data devices, circuits and large-scale systems, and for leadership in developing high-speed data bus standards. (www.slac.stanford.edu/slac/award/larsen-9909.html.)

Network Break

There was a major network problem between BSD and SCS on Wednesday, 9/1, which affected BSD email. SCS is still working to restore all of the affected mail files. If you sent email between 5:00pm Tuesday 8/31 and 5:00pm Wednesday 9/1 to anyone in BSD and you haven't received a response, please be patient, they may not have received your mail yet. If any of these mail items are URGENT, please resend. In the case of non-urgent mail, please refrain from resending; they will receive the mail. All mail sent after 5:00pm Wednesday 9/1 has gone through normally. Contact Arla LeCount x2574.

A Taste of Menlo

The 8th Annual Menlo Park Business Expo comes to SLAC on Wednesday, September 15, from 4 pm to 7 pm in the Auditorium and Breezeway. Taste the food, sample the wine, and meet our neighbors and business leaders, and our new Director, Jonathan Dorfan, and his wife Renee, if you haven’t already. See what vendors have to offer. If you wear your SLAC badge you have free admission. (www.slac.stanford.edu/slac/announce/misc/businessexpo.html)
Toot Our Own Horn Time

Thanks to good people like Ruth McDunn in Tech Pubs, we have statistics on the popularity of QuickNews. In July 1998 there were 1350 views on the page for the month, with an average of 58 per day. In July 1999 we have grown to 2566 page views for the month, with an average of 82 per day. People spent an average of 17 minutes reading QN. All this is good news to Rich Cellamare in Waste Minimization. “We’re cutting down on paper use,” he says. The next step is to have department administrators print and post QN for those who don’t have regular computer access.

String Theory Explained

At the Lepton Photon Conference, we were fortunate to have Brian Green give a public lecture on “The Elegant Universe.” A video tape of that presentation is available in the SLAC Library and well worth a look. Information is presented for the layperson and the visuals used are extremely helpful in explaining abstract concepts. Fun for the whole family. Check it out today.

Blood Drive

Some might say that 9/9/99 is a bad day for computing, since that was a code used in old, old software to indicate a problem. But September 9 is a good day for humanity since the SLAC community will have an opportunity to give blood. Call the Public Affairs Office at x2204 if you wish to make an appointment, otherwise you may just drop in. Give a little, save a life. (www.slac.stanford.edu/grp/pao/blood.html)

Make Up Session for the Security Stand Down

The make up session will be a live one, not a video tape, but coordinating schedules of several busy people is sometimes difficult. We are looking at options mid to late September, so stay tuned for more information.

Lunch Time Culture Available Free

Jack Truher, SLAC retiree turned art critic, says “Get down to the Cantor Arts Center quick and see the Dow show before it closes on Sept 19th.” The brochure blurb states that “Arthur Wesley Dow (1857-1922) ...inspired generations of artists in many media...is widely recognized as having laid the stylistic foundation for the American Arts & Crafts movement.” The center is easy to get to, has metered parking available, and is a free and refreshing noontime jaunt. (www.stanford.edu/dept/ccva/exhibit.html)

FleaMarket

You can post your classified ad using the SLAC FleaMarket Submission form. You can get to the current ads from the Announcements section on the SLAC Home Page. These pages can be viewed from computers within the SLAC domain.

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